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Applicant: Andreas Meckes et al.

Examiner: Smith, Bradley

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Title: ELECTRONIC COMPONENT AND METHOD FOR ITS PRODUCTION

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the June 9, 2005 Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group II, claims 7-20, with traverse.

Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that no serious burden on the Examiner exists. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims directed to distinct or independent inventions, as stated in M.P.E.P. § 803. Applicants submit that the subject matter of Groups I and II are sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of the elected claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. To avoid duplicative examination and unnecessary delay and expense to the Applicants, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of all the claims, not just those of Group II.

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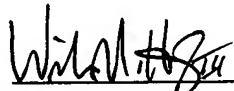
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Examination on the merits is requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to advance prosecution.

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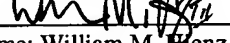
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